

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as set forth below.

1 (amended). An illumination device comprising:

- (a) a light source;
- (b) a light fiber comprising:

an elongate polymeric core having an input end for receiving light from the light source, an output end for emitting light transmitted through the core, and a lateral surface extending along a longitudinal axis of the core between the input end and the output end;

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a light-emitting region directing light traveling through the light fiber out of at least a portion the lateral surface of the light fiber in a direction generally transverse to the longitudinal axis, the light-emitting region comprising at least one optical element; and

a continuous outer cladding layer comprising a polymeric material having a lower index of refraction than the core extending over the lateral surface of the core and the at least one optical element;

wherein the light fiber is optically coupled to the light source such that at least a portion of the light emitted from the light source impinges on the input end of the light fiber.

A version marked up to show changes made to the claim(s) relative to the previous version of the claim(s) is attached.